

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1. (Currently Amended) In a computer system, a method for generating documents
2 comprising:
3 receiving a selection input;
4 in response to receiving the selection input, processing rules to determine which of one or
5 more components of a plurality of components to include in a document, wherein
6 the rules include component-to-component relationships and at least one of the
7 component-to-component relationships identifies under what circumstances to
8 include a first component in the document when a second component is included
9 in the document;
10 obtaining ~~at least one of a~~ each of the plurality of components ~~to be included in the~~
11 document ~~as determined by the processing of the rules from a document template;~~
12 obtaining at least one relationship from said document template, said relationship
13 defining an association between said plurality of components and a document to
14 be generated;
15 generating said document ~~according to said at least one relationship~~ to include each of the
16 obtained components; and
17 ~~providing making~~ said document available to a user.

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein a configuration engine performs
2 said generating said document.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of said plurality of
2 components comprises a compensation component.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein said compensation component
2 defines a commission associated with the sale of a product.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said commission comprises
2 monetary compensation to be distributed to a sales representative.

- 1 6. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein said compensation component is
2 modeled using a commission model.
- 1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of said plurality of
2 components comprises a textual component.
- 1 8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein said textual component comprises
2 pre-defined textual elements.
- 1 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein said pre-defined textual
2 elements ~~are generated by a third party~~ are extensible.
- 1 10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[6]] 8 wherein said at least one
2 textual component is a contractual clause and the document is a contract associated with a
3 product.
- 1 11-12. (Canceled)
- 1 13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said component-to-
2 component relationship comprises a requires relation.
- 1 14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said component-to-
2 component relationship comprises an optional relation.
- 1 15. (Currently Amended) In a computer system, a method for generating documents
2 comprising:
3 receiving selection inputs selecting a compensation component and a textual component;
4 in response to receiving the selection inputs, processing rules to determine which of one
5 or more components of a plurality of components to include in a document in
6 addition to the compensation component and a textual component, wherein the

7 rules include component-to-component relationships and at least one of the
8 component-to-component relationships identifies under what circumstances to
9 include a first component in the document when a second component is included
10 in the document;

11 ~~obtaining at least one compensation component from a document template wherein said~~
12 ~~at least one the compensation component, the textual component, and each of the~~
13 ~~plurality of components to be included in the document as determined by the~~
14 ~~processing of the rules is associated with at least one product; and~~
15 ~~obtaining at least one textual component from a document template, wherein said at least~~
16 ~~one textual component comprises textual elements;~~
17 ~~obtaining at least one relationship from said document template that defines an~~
18 ~~interrelationship between said at least one compensation component or said at~~
19 ~~least one textual component and a document to be generated; and~~
20 ~~generating said document associated with said product according to said at least one~~
21 ~~relationship to include each of the obtained components.~~

1 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein a configuration engine
2 performs said generating said document ~~associated with said product.~~

1 17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said compensation
2 component comprises a commission associated with ~~[[the]] a sale of [[said]] a product.~~

1 18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein said commission comprises
2 monetary compensation to be distributed to a sales representative.

1 19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein said compensation component is
2 modeled using a commission model.

1 20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said textual elements
2 ~~[[are]] comprises pre-defined textual elements.~~

1 21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein said textual elements of
2 said document are associated with ~~[[said]]~~ a product.

1 22. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said document comprises a
2 contract.

1 23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein said textual ~~components~~
2 ~~are~~ component is defined by a first user.

1 24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein at least one of said
2 plurality of components is defined as a member of a group consisting of a standard component,
3 required component, or optional component.

1 25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said ~~at least one~~
2 ~~relationship comprises~~ component-to-component relationships comprise an includes relation.

1 26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said ~~at least one~~
2 ~~relationship comprises~~ component-to-component relationships comprise an excludes relation.

1 27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said ~~at least one~~
2 ~~relationship comprises~~ component-to-component relationships comprise a requires relation.

1 28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said ~~interrelationship~~
2 ~~comprises~~ component-to-component relationships comprise an optional relation.

1 29. (Currently Amended) In a computer system, a method for enabling a user to
2 define configurable documents comprising:
3 presenting a modeling interface to a user, wherein the modeling interface comprises a
4 computer generated graphical user interface;
5 obtaining modeling information from said user via said modeling interface;

6 generating at least one compensation plan from said modeling information;
7 generating at least one compensation component by creating a relation between said at
8 least one compensation plan and at least one product, said association
9 representative of said at least one product ~~said user wishes to distribute~~;
10 obtaining at least one textual element;
11 generating at least one textual component comprising said at least one textual element by
12 creating a relation between said at least one textual component and said at least
13 one product;
14 including respective rules associated with the compensation component and the textual
15 component in a document template, wherein the rules are executable by a
16 configuration engine, and the rules include component-to-component
17 relationships and at least one of the component-to-component relationships
18 identifies under what circumstances to include a first component in the document
19 when a second component is included in the document ~~define an interrelationship~~
20 ~~between the components that define conditions~~ for controlling how a
21 configuration engine processes the document template to configure a document
22 with one or more of the components; and
23 associating said at least one compensation component and said at least one textual
24 component with the document template.

1 30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 further comprising:
2 providing said document template to said configuration engine; and
3 processing ~~[[of]]~~ said rules of said document template by said configuration engine to
4 generate a document.

1 31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30 wherein said processing
2 comprises:
3 obtaining one or more of the rules associated with said at least one compensation
4 component and said at least one textual component from said document template;
5 applying said one or more rules to generate a document; and

6 ~~providing~~ making said document available to a user.

1 32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein said one or more
2 rules comprises an includes rule.

1 33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein said one or more
2 rules comprises an excludes rule.

1 34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein said one or more
2 rules comprises a requires rule.

1 35. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising:
2 a computer usable medium ~~having~~ comprising computer readable program code for
3 generating documents embodied therein, said computer readable program code
4 configured to:
5 receive a selection input;
6 in response to receiving the selection input, process rules to determine which of
7 one or more components of a plurality of components to include in a
8 document, wherein the rules include component-to-component
9 relationships and at least one of the component-to-component
10 relationships identifies under what circumstances to include a first
11 component in the document when a second component is included in the
12 document;
13 obtain ~~at least one of each of the~~ plurality of components to be included in the
14 document as determined by the processing of the rules from a document
15 template;
16 obtain ~~at least one relationship from said document template,~~ said relationship
17 defining an association between said plurality of components and a
18 document to be generated;
19 generate said document ~~according to said at least one relationship~~ to include each
20 of the obtained components; and

21 ~~provide~~ make said document available to a user.

1 36. (Original) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein a
2 configuration engine performs said generating said document.

1 37. (Original) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein at least one of
2 said plurality of components comprises a compensation component.

1 38. (Original) The computer program product of claim 37 wherein said
2 compensation component defines a commission associated with the sale of a product.

1 39. (Original) The computer program product of claim 38 wherein said
2 commission comprises monetary compensation to be distributed to a sales representative.

1 40. (Original) The computer program product of claim 38 wherein said
2 compensation component is modeled using a commission model.

1 41. (Original) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein at least one of
2 said plurality of components comprises a textual component.

1 42. (Original) The computer program product of claim 41 wherein said textual
2 component comprises pre-defined textual elements.

1 43. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 42 wherein said
2 pre-defined textual elements ~~are generated by a third party~~ are extensible.

1 44. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 41 wherein said
2 textual component is a contractual clause and the document is a contract ~~associated with a~~
3 ~~product~~.

1 45. (Original) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein said document
2 comprises a contract.

1 46. (Original) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein said document
2 comprises any document associated with a business transaction.

1 47. (Original) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein at least one of
2 said plurality of components is defined as a standard component, required component, or
3 optional component.

1 48. (Original) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein said
2 interrelationship comprises an includes relation.

1 49. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein said
2 ~~interrelationship comprises~~ component-to-component relationships comprise an excludes
3 relation.

1 50. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein said
2 ~~interrelationship comprises~~ component-to-component relationships comprise a requires relation.

1 51. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein said
2 ~~interrelationship comprises~~ component-to-component relationships comprise an optional relation.

1 52. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising:
2 a computer usable medium ~~having~~ comprising computer readable program code
3 embodied therein, said computer readable program code configured to:
4 receive selection inputs selecting a compensation component and a textual
5 component;
6 in response to receiving the selection inputs, process rules to determine which of
7 one or more components of a plurality of components to include in a

8 document in addition to the compensation component and a textual
9 component, wherein the rules include component-to-component
10 relationships and at least one of the component-to-component
11 relationships identifies under what circumstances to include a first
12 component in the document when a second component is included in the
13 document;

14 obtain ~~at least one compensation component from a document template wherein~~
15 ~~said at least one the~~ compensation component, ~~the textual component, and~~
16 ~~each of the plurality of components to be included in the document as~~
17 ~~determined by the processing of the rules is associated with at least one~~
18 ~~product; and~~

19 obtain ~~at least one textual component from a document template, wherein said at~~
20 ~~least one textual component comprises textual elements;~~

21 obtain ~~at least one relationship from said document template that defines an~~
22 ~~interrelationship between said at least one compensation component or~~
23 ~~said at least one textual component and a document to be generated; and~~

24 generate said document ~~associated with said product according to said at least one~~
25 ~~relationship to include each of the obtained components.~~

1 53. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein a
2 configuration engine performs said generating said document ~~associated with said product.~~

1 54. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein said
2 compensation component comprises a commission associated with ~~[[the]] a~~ sale of ~~[[said]] a~~
3 product.

1 55. (Original) The computer program product of claim 54 wherein said
2 commission comprises monetary compensation to be distributed to a sales representative.

1 56. (Original) The computer program product of claim 54 wherein said
2 compensation component is modeled using a commission model.

1 57. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein said
2 textual elements ~~[[are]]~~ comprises pre-defined textual elements.

1 58. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein said
2 textual elements of said document are associated with ~~[[said]]~~ a product.

1 59. (Original) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein said document
2 comprises a contract.

1 60. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein said
2 textual ~~components are~~ component is defined by a first user.

1 61. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein said at
2 least one compensation component or said textual component ~~may be~~ defined as a member of a
3 group consisting of a standard component, required component, or optional component.

1 62. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein said ~~at~~
2 ~~least one relationship comprises~~ component-to-component relationships comprise an includes
3 relation.

1 63. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein said ~~at~~
2 ~~least one relationship comprises~~ component-to-component relationships comprise an excludes
3 relation.

1 64. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein said ~~at~~
2 ~~least one relationship comprises~~ component-to-component relationships comprise a requires
3 relation.

1 65. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein said
2 ~~interrelationship comprises~~ component-to-component relationships comprise an optional relation.

66. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising:
a computer usable medium, said computer usable medium comprising computer readable
program code configured to:
present a modeling interface to a user, wherein the modeling interface comprises a
computer generated graphical user interface;
obtain modeling information from said user via said modeling interface;
generate at least one compensation plan from said modeling information;
generate at least one compensation component by creating a relation between said
at least one compensation plan and at least one product, said association
representative of said at least one product ~~said user wishes to distribute~~;
obtain at least one textual element;
generate at least one textual component comprising said at least one textual
element by creating a relation between said at least one textual component
and said at least one product;
include at least one rule associated with the compensation component and at least
one rule associated with the textual component in a document template,
wherein the rules are executable by a configuration engine, and the rules
include component-to-component relationships and at least one of the
component-to-component relationships identifies under what
circumstances to include a first component in the document when a second
component is included in the document ~~define an interrelationship~~
~~between the components that define conditions~~ for controlling how a
configuration engine processes the document template to configure a
document with one or more of the components; and
associate said at least one compensation component and said at least one textual
component with a document template.

1 67. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 66 further
2 comprising code to:
3 provide said document template to said configuration engine; and
4 process [[of]] said rules of said document template by said configuration engine to
5 generate a document.

1 68. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 67 wherein said
2 processing comprises code to:
3 obtain one or more of the rules associated with said at least one compensation component
4 and said at least one textual component from said document template;
5 apply said one or more rules to generate a document; and
6 ~~provide~~ make said document available to a user.

1 69. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 68 wherein
2 said one or more rules comprises an includes rule.

1 70. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 68 wherein
2 said one or more rules comprises an excludes rule.

1 71. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 68 wherein
2 said one or more rules comprises a requires rule.

1 72. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 68 wherein
2 said one or more rules comprises an optional rule.

1 73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said document
2 comprises a contract.

1 74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of said
2 plurality of components are defined as a standard component, required component, or optional
3 component.

1 75. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~relationship comprises~~
2 component-to-component relationships comprise an includes relation.

1 76. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~relationship comprises~~
2 component-to-component relationships comprise an excludes relation.

1 77. (New) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 receiving a second selection input, wherein the second selection input indicates selection
3 of a third component to be included in the document;
4 in response to receiving the second selection input, processing the rules to determine
5 which, if any, of one or more components of the plurality of components to also
6 include in the document; and
7 obtaining the third component and each of the plurality of components to be included in
8 the document as determined by the processing of the rules.

1 78. (New) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 receiving additional selection inputs, wherein the additional selection inputs indicate
3 selections of additional components to be included in the document;
4 in response to receiving the additional selection inputs, processing the rules to determine
5 which, if any, of one or more components of the plurality of components to also
6 include in the document; and
7 obtaining the additional components and each of the plurality of components to be
8 included in the document as determined by the processing of the rules.

1 79. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the component-to-
2 component relationships identifies a 'requires choice' component-to-component relationship the
3 method further comprising:

4 in response to the processing of the rules, requesting a user to select one component, from
5 a group of components identified by the requires choice component-to-component
6 relationship to include in the document.

1 80. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein:
2 at least one of the component-to-component relationships identifies an 'includes'
3 component-to-component relationship;
4 receiving a selection input further comprises receiving a selection of a third component;
5 and
6 obtaining each of the plurality of components to be included in the document as
7 determined by the processing of the rules further comprises obtaining the third
8 component and a fourth component identified in the includes component-to-
9 component relationship.

1 81. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the component-to-
2 component relationships identifies an 'optional' component-to-component relationship, the
3 method further comprising:
4 in response to the processing of the rules, providing a user an option to select one or more
5 components, from a group of components identified by the optional component-
6 to-component relationship; and
7 wherein obtaining each of the plurality of components to be included in the document as
8 determined by the processing of the rules further comprises obtaining each
9 component selected by the user in response to providing the user the option to
10 select the one or more components.

1 82. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the component-to-
2 component relationships identifies a 'removes' component-to-component relationship and

3 wherein receiving a selection input further comprises receiving a selection of a third component,
4 the method further comprising:
5 removing one or more components from inclusion in the document.

1 83. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the selection input comprises selection of
2 a particular contract type.

1 84. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of components and
2 component-to-component relationships are included in a document template.

1 85. (New) The method of claim 15 further comprising:
2 receiving a second selection input, wherein the second selection input indicates selection
3 of a third component to be included in the document;
4 in response to receiving the second selection input, processing the rules to determine
5 which, if any, of one or more components of the plurality of components to also
6 include in the document; and
7 obtaining the third component and each of the plurality of components to be included in
8 the document as determined by the processing of the rules.

1 86. (New) The method of claim 15 further comprising:
2 receiving additional selection inputs, wherein the additional selection inputs indicate
3 selections of additional components to be included in the document;
4 in response to receiving the additional selection inputs, processing the rules to determine
5 which, if any, of one or more components of the plurality of components to also
6 include in the document; and
7 obtaining the additional components and each of the plurality of components to be
8 included in the document as determined by the processing of the rules.

1 87. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein at least one of the component-to-
2 component relationships identifies a 'requires choice' component-to-component relationship, the
3 method further comprising:

4 in response to the processing of the rules, requesting a user to select one component, from
5 a group of components identified by the requires choice component-to-component
6 relationship to include in the document.

1 88. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein:
2 at least one of the component-to-component relationships identifies an 'includes'
3 component-to-component relationship;
4 receiving a selection input further comprises receiving a selection of a third component;
5 and
6 obtaining each of the plurality of components to be included in the document as
7 determined by the processing of the rules further comprises obtaining the third
8 component and a fourth component identified in the includes component-to-
9 component relationship.

1 89. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein at least one of the component-to-
2 component relationships identifies an 'optional' component-to-component relationship, the
3 method further comprising:
4 in response to the processing of the rules, providing a user an option to select one or more
5 components, from a group of components identified by the optional component-
6 to-component relationship; and
7 wherein obtaining each of the plurality of components to be included in the document as
8 determined by the processing of the rules further comprises obtaining each
9 component selected by the user in response to providing the user the option to
10 select the one or more components.

1 90. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein at least one of the component-to-
2 component relationships identifies a 'removes' component-to-component relationship and

wherein receiving a selection input further comprises receiving a selection of a third component, the method further comprising:
removing one or more components from inclusion in the document.

91. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the selection input comprises selection of a particular contract type.

92. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the plurality of components and component-to-component relationships are included in a document template.

93. (New) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein the code is further configured to:
receive a second selection input, wherein the second selection input indicates selection of a third component to be included in the document;
in response to receiving the second selection input, process the rules to determine which, if any, of one or more components of the plurality of components to also include in the document; and
obtain the third component and each of the plurality of components to be included in the document as determined by the processing of the rules.

94. (New) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein the code is further configured to:
receive additional selection inputs, wherein the additional selection inputs indicate selections of additional components to be included in the document;
in response to receiving the additional selection inputs, process the rules to determine which, if any, of one or more components of the plurality of components to also include in the document; and
obtain the additional components and each of the plurality of components to be included in the document as determined by the processing of the rules.

1 95. (New) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein at least one of the
2 component-to-component relationships identifies a 'requires choice' component-to-component
3 relationship, the code is further configured to:
4 in response to the processing of the rules, request a user to select one component, from a
5 group of components identified by the requires choice component-to-component
6 relationship to include in the document.

1 96. (New) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein:
2 at least one of the component-to-component relationships identifies an 'includes'
3 component-to-component relationship;
4 the code configured to receive a selection input is further configured to receive a
5 selection of a third component; and
6 the code configured to obtain each of the plurality of components to be included in the
7 document as determined by the processing of the rules is further configured to
8 obtain the third component and a fourth component identified in the includes
9 component-to-component relationship.

1 97. (New) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein at least one of the
2 component-to-component relationships identifies an 'optional' component-to-component
3 relationship, the code is further configured to:
4 in response to the processing of the rules, provide a user an option to select one or more
5 components, from a group of components identified by the optional component-
6 to-component relationship; and
7 wherein the code configured to obtain each of the plurality of components to be included
8 in the document as determined by the processing of the rules is further configured
9 to obtain each component selected by the user in response to providing the user
10 the option to select the one or more components.

1 98. (New) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein at least one of the
2 component-to-component relationships identifies a 'removes' component-to-component

relationship and wherein the code configured to receive a selection input further comprises receiving a selection of a third component, the code is further configured to:
remove one or more components from inclusion in the document.

99. (New) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein the selection input comprises selection of a particular contract type.

100. (New) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein the plurality of components and component-to-component relationships are included in a document template.

101. (New) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein the code is further configured to:
receive a second selection input, wherein the second selection input indicates selection of a third component to be included in the document;
in response to receiving the second selection input, process the rules to determine which, if any, of one or more components of the plurality of components to also include in the document; and
obtain the third component and each of the plurality of components to be included in the document as determined by the processing of the rules.

102. (New) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein the code is further configured to:
receive additional selection inputs, wherein the additional selection inputs indicate selections of additional components to be included in the document;
in response to receiving the additional selection inputs, process the rules to determine which, if any, of one or more components of the plurality of components to also include in the document; and
obtain the additional components and each of the plurality of components to be included in the document as determined by the processing of the rules.

1 103. (New) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein at least one of the
2 component-to-component relationships identifies a 'requires choice' component-to-component
3 relationship, the code is further configured to:

4 in response to the processing of the rules, request a user to select one component, from a
5 group of components identified by the requires choice component-to-component
6 relationship to include in the document.

1 104. (New) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein:
2 at least one of the component-to-component relationships identifies an 'includes'
3 component-to-component relationship;

4 the code configured to receive a selection input is further configured to receive a
5 selection of a third component; and

6 the code configured to obtain each of the plurality of components to be included in the
7 document as determined by the processing of the rules is further configured to
8 obtain the third component and a fourth component identified in the includes
9 component-to-component relationship.

1 105. (New) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein at least one of the
2 component-to-component relationships identifies an 'optional' component-to-component
3 relationship, the code is further configured to:

4 in response to the processing of the rules, provide a user an option to select one or more
5 components, from a group of components identified by the optional component-
6 to-component relationship; and

7 wherein the code configured to obtain each of the plurality of components to be included
8 in the document as determined by the processing of the rules is further configured
9 to obtain each component selected by the user in response to providing the user
10 the option to select the one or more components.

1 106. (New) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein at least one of the
2 component-to-component relationships identifies a 'removes' component-to-component

relationship and wherein the code configured to receive a selection input further comprises receiving a selection of a third component, the code is further configured to:
remove one or more components from inclusion in the document.

107. (New) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein the selection input comprises selection of a particular contract type.

108. (New) The computer program product of claim 52 wherein the plurality of components and component-to-component relationships are included in a document template.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 13-76 are pending.

Claims 1-10 and 13-76 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 9, 10, 13-17, 20, 21, 23-31, 35, 43, 44, 49-54, 57, 58, 60-68, 75, and 76 have been amended.

Claims 77-108 have been added.

REGARDING THE “RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS”

The November 3, 2007 Office Action (“Office Action”) includes a response by the Examiner to Applicants’ previous remarks. Applicants have amended all of the independent claims in the present application. Accordingly, all characterizations of the present invention, as defined by the claims, in Applicants’ response of August 15, 2006, whether explicit or implicit, should now be disregarded.

CLAIM REJECTION - 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claims 1-10 and 13-76 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Verisoft, Inc. (referred to herein as “*ZipForm*”). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.